

Guidelines for Nominations

New Deadline is 20 March 2016

- ALL the EB positions below are available for nominations:
 - President
 - 4 Vice Presidents (1 for each region)
 - 4 regional members (1 for each region)
- Members CANNOT nominate themselves. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Only OWSD FULL members can nominate.
- Only OWSD FULL members can be nominated.
- All OWSD Members can be found on the OWSD website at <http://owsd.net/full-members>. If the person you wish to nominate is not listed s/he is not eligible.
- The person you nominate must agree to be nominated.
- The President may be nominated from any developing country/ region. Regional Members and Vice Presidents must be Members from those regions.
- Please note that the following current EB members are eligible and have chosen to stand for re-election to the Board. They must be nominated and selected by the members.

Esi Awuah, Ordinary Member (Ghana) AFRICA
Miriam Diaz, Ordinary Member (Venezuela) LAC

The current President, Fang Xin from China, will continue in an *ex officio* capacity.

How to Nominate

Complete the form below for each candidate you wish to nominate and send via email to ga@owsd.net not later than 20 March 2016.

Nomination Form

Nominator's Name (Must be OWSD Full Member)

Surname/ Last/ Family Name Ahmed

First Name Abeer Ahmed Qaed

Member Number 3836

Nominated Candidate (Must be OWSD Full Member)

Surname/ Last/ Family Name Babalola

First Name Olubukola Oluranti

Member Number 3591

Nominated for the following OWSD Executive Board Position:

- President
- Vice-President (_____Region)
- Member (___Africa___Region)

Brief Biography of the Candidate (not more than 500 words).

(Please attach CV also if available)

Prior to Prof Babalola's academic engagement, she worked as a laboratory assistant in the Total Quality Control Unit of an expatriate fruit and vegetable company in Lagos, Nigeria carrying out various microbiological and chemical analyses on the company's on-line products. There and then, she had a first-hand experience on-the-job training in Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), the rudiments of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Total Quality Control (TQC), and Quality Assurance (QA).

Her research interest is in Plant-Microbe interactions. She is into a prolific career with ~140 research outputs (75 peers reviewed journal articles, 7 book chapters, and 50 conference proceedings/abstracts). She enjoys international collaborations, research grants and many awards. Babalola has > 40 professional certificates in her area of interest from the University of California, Berkeley, USA, University of Mauritius, Reduit, and Bradford University, UK to mention a few. Her wealth of internal experience spans through Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.

Why do you think the candidate is qualified for the EB position?

Prof Babalola has passion for science, her active teaching and research track records supervising students at undergraduate and postgraduate levels cut across nations.

Over 75 scholars of Microbiology have graduated under her research mentorship. Besides the postdoctoral scholars working under her mentorship currently, seven had.

Babalola is the Director of Food Security and Safety Niche Area and was once the Head, Department of Biological Sciences, North-West University, South Africa. Her administrative experience is proven.

What is the candidate's research sector and field of experience?

Biological Systems

Her field of experience includes:

Molecular plant-microbe interactions, rhizosphere biology, biofertilizer, bioherbicides, Symbiosis, Rhizosphere Microbiome, New Concepts and Methods in the Rhizosphere, Below and Above Ground Interactions. Rhizo Remediation. Root Endonhytes

How do the candidate's motivations and experience relate to the OWSD goals?

Prof Olubukola O. BABALOLA is a go-getter. She is an epitome of an African female research scientists. She has an uninterrupted track record. She is a competent program manater, team leader.

She was supported by OWSD for her PhD degree. I worked with her for one year to do research together. I observed that she encourages and helps girls to improve themselves and pursue higher education. She always give advice to girls how to manage their lives and dreams. I personally learned many things from her. I know that she has many goals related to OWSD goals, and I believe that she can accomplish even more goals and help girls and female scientists as an OWSD EB member.

What experience or knowledge does the candidate have of the international or regional context for women in science and /or gender and science issues?

Prof Olubukola O. BABALOLA is a full member of the Organization of Women Scientists for the Developing World, South African Women in Science and Engineering (SAWISE) and the South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG) among others.

She has the abilities and diplomacy to conduct any collaboration between organizations. She has networking skills to stay connected with other scientists, especially female scientists. In her lab I met many international young female scientists that she host for a period of time, or for postgraduate and postdoctoral program.

Please note that the post of OWSD President requires additional skills, experience and competencies:

- Diplomatic skills
- Communication skills
- Public relations expertise/ competence
- Leadership qualities
- International/ global awareness and impact (rather than national/ regional focus)
- Influence and connection to policy and decision-makers.

Passport photo (if available) attached?

Please send this form together with any attachments (CV, photo) via email to ga@owsd.net not later than 20 March 2016.

Elections will take place at the OWSD Fifth General Assembly in Kuwait City, Kuwait from 16-19 May 2016.

Nominated candidates do not need to be present.